

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - AUGUST, 1959

Many of the statistics appearing in this Summary are preliminary and may be amended in subsequent issues. References should therefore always be made to the latest available issue.

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POPULATION ESTIMATESWhole State at 31.3.1959 -

Males - 366,345 Females - 348,224 Persons - 714,569

Metropolitan at 31.12.1958 -

Persons - 387,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	JULY				Seven Months ended JULY			
	1959		1958		1959		1958	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	318	5.21	330	5.50	3,123	7.51	2,996	7.33
Births	1,445	23.68	1,439	24.00	9,949	23.92	9,897	24.22
Deaths	528	8.65	539	8.99	3,204	7.70	3,140	7.69
Infant Mortality (b)	26	17.99	34	23.63	178	17.89	206	20.81

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Tuberculosis	3	1	15	12
Malignant neoplasms	79	83	538	514
Diabetes mellitus	4	7	26	25
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	1	12	7
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	57	60	372	389
Diseases of the heart	188	210	1,003	1,015
Hypertension with heart disease	9	19	70	91
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	4	6	23	32
Arteriosclerosis	11	16	74	77
Influenza	5	-	76	2
Pneumonia	18	15	121	101
Bronchitis	10	8	47	37
Other respiratory diseases	7	4	33	31
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	4	24	23
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	1	18	22
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	4	6
Cirrhosis of the liver	4	2	12	18
Nephritis and nephrosis	9	12	38	39
Disease of the prostate	8	1	35	31
Maternal causes	-	-	4	6
Diseases of early infancy	16	18	104	122
Motor vehicle accidents	9	13	102	105
Other accidents	9	12	109	98
Suicide	7	5	47	55
All other causes	61	41	297	282
Total:	528	539	3,204	3,140

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August, 1959, totalled 642,908 acres, an increase of 75,073 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 10,261,079 acres, an increase of 6,799,148 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,939,213	4,159,946	9,149,361	8,265,470
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 17. 5	5. 17. 8	12. 14. 8	11. 13. 11
Expenditure	5,256,026	5,177,369	10,747,493	10,095,133
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 6. 2	7. 6. 5	14. 19. 2	14. 5. 9

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of August, 1959, amounted to £73,064,883 or £101-12-5 per head of population as against £66,560,573 or £94-0-4 per head at the end of August, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 26th August, 1959, amounted to £15,315,392 compared with £13,124,973 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No.	1,780	1,651	3,748	3,502
	£.	1,969,291	2,465,071	5,314,748	5,616,454
Mortgages	No.	1,343	1,297	2,742	2,797
	£.	2,800,489	2,605,366	5,603,286	5,552,373
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,041	938	2,216	2,031

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
August, 1959	3,803,395	2,983,203	10,053,679	600,569
August, 1958	3,226,268	3,048,455	9,633,211	503,950
Two Months ended August, 1959	7,336,303	6,000,139	21,526,440	1,156,050
Two Months ended August, 1958	7,159,677	6,120,090	20,524,640	1,116,257

COMPANIES REGISTERED

69 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,405,800 and 23 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 46 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,700,000 and 22 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Two Months ended AUGUST					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	21	33,877	4,643	26	49,523	9,767
Deeds of Assignment (a)	9	36,885	57,011	14	143,784	130,120
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,309,000	1,026,100	13,699,803	12,975,176
Operating Expenses (a)	£.	1,368,703	1,279,991	14,932,503	14,842,662
Train Miles Run	No.	717,544	626,260	7,707,407	7,326,966
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b)61,463	(c)65,506	1,291,157	1,371,695
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,188,194	1,127,621	14,615,544	14,106,277
Motor Bus	No.	18,412	20,725	261,874	277,943
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		379,171	267,584	3,764,648	3,455,268
Livestock		10,754	9,305	148,519	133,646
Departmental (Free Freight)		75,309	68,197	738,729	673,131
Total:		465,234	345,086	4,651,896	4,262,045
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		62,794,699	46,753,423	612,871,158	554,317,761
Livestock		1,608,651	1,349,861	19,412,470	17,857,965
Departmental (Free Freight)		6,047,865	7,253,920	67,135,687	63,570,556
Total:		70,451,215	55,357,204	699,419,315	635,746,282

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.
 (b) Period 1st July to 18th July.
 (c) Period 1st July to 19th July.
 * Figures subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971
March	74,510	25,170	564	8,995	116,297	65,870	1,184	13,183
April	75,009	25,236	566	9,031	116,494	65,518	1,183	13,052
May	75,110	25,217	583	9,084	117,375	66,160	1,207	13,291
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
July	76,871	25,687	588	9,113	(c) 118,434	(c) 65,425	(c) 1,209	(c) 13,230

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

(c) Estimated. Subject to revision.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	4,146	5,548	*45,009	45,888	6,332	8,246	92,040	95,193
Interstate	8,453	6,712	101,215	97,551	3,112	1,749	34,692	40,284
Total:	12,599	12,260	*146,224	143,439	9,444	9,995	126,732	135,477

* Revised.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959 -										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236
June Qr.	409	1,107	1,066	3,192	41	277	184	1,923	1,700	6,499

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959 -										
March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011
June Qr.	891	2,946	8	18	531	1,200	3	9	1,433	4,173

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Quantity Fine oz.	68,546	68,611	543,348	540,647
Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.	1,071,030	1,072,039	8,489,211	8,447,584
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	150,000	150,000	1,102,500	1,061,094

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2984	3078	2987	3010	2747	2803	2728	2772
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3191	3304	3178	3252	2647	2698	2630	2678
Northam	3086	3131	3106	3104	2708	2728	2701	2717
Bunbury	3159	3085	3152	3070	2806	2825	2779	2800
Geraldton	3222	3329	3228	3268	2953	3051	2937	2995
Collie	3208	3210	3187	3175	2538	2549	2521	2536

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
August	137.8	45.0	182.8	August	138.3	45.9	184.2
September	138.3	45.2	183.5	September	138.8	46.2	185.0
October	138.7	45.2	183.9	October	139.2	46.2	185.4
November	139.1	45.7	184.8	November	139.1	46.4	185.5
December	138.7	46.0	184.7	December	139.3	46.8	186.1
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	138.7	45.2	183.9	January	139.2	46.5	185.7
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	139.5	46.8	186.3
July	138.1	45.6	183.7	July	139.6	46.8	186.4

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	225
February	228	240	241	235	233	226
March	231	242	240	236	234	227
April	230	243	239	234	233	227
May	231	242	238	234	230	227
June	230	239	235	231	228	225
July	230	238	231	229	225	225
August	230	239	230	229	225	
September	232	241	233	232	225	
October	233	241	233	232	226	
November	234	243	233	233	227	
December	233	242	232	232	226	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
27/7/59	13.	18.	7	9.	1.	1	13.	17.	5

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION /

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
July, 1959	25,621	2,440	114,992	46,834	13,498
July, 1958	22,099	2,554	98,600	34,904	16,802
12 Months ended June, 1959	213,183	31,841	1,552,326	812,578	191,926
12 Months ended June, 1958	185,192	30,728	1,159,210	696,617	219,163

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
July, 1959	5,535	88	2,086	572	739
July, 1958	4,804	90	1,825	462	658
12 Months ended June, 1959	43,208	1,189	28,149	11,191	10,055
12 Months ended June, 1958	38,342	1,175	21,909	10,033	11,667

/ Previous issues referred to slaughterings in principal establishments only.
(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959 -										
January	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
February	460	594	199	284	659	878	5	13	265	386
March	464	628	217	296	681	924	11	17	255	364
April	449	625	198	270	647	895	2	8	247	346
May	579	748	199	309	778	1,057	5	15	254	397
June	575	766	204	271	779	1,037	12	17	245	317
July	560	751	235	314	795	1,065	8	11	269	385
Seven Months ended July	3,535	4,775	1,445	2,035	4,980	6,810	50	97	1,783	2,615

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958					1959							
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
SHEEP	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Suckers	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7
Lambs													
In Wool	3.14. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-
Shorn	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 9	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes													
In Wool	2.17. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6.10
Shorn	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6	-	-	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2
Wethers													
In Wool	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9
Shorn	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1
Heifers	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	-	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9
Cows	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3
Steers	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9
Bullocks	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2
PIGS													
Slips	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1
Porkers	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8
Baconers	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(& Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods and Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excl. Motor Vehicles etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts Petrol, etc. (d)
YEAR											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	(e)163.9	*56.3
March Qtr.											
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	(e)37.8	*12.7
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	(e)38.6	*12.3
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	(e)40.5	*14.1
1959	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	39.9	13.9
June Qtr.											
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	(e)37.7	*11.1
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	(e)39.8	*13.5
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	(e)40.8	*13.8
Sept. Qtr.											
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	(e)36.1	*11.2
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	(e)38.1	13.7
1958	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	37.9	13.0
Dec. Qtr.											
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	(e)41.3	*12.3
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	(e)44.5	*14.7
1958	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	42.4	14.2

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Amended since previous publication. Details of amendments for individual commodities not yet available. (f) Not yet available. * Revised.

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

Period During which New Agreements were made	Motor Vehicles Tractors, etc. (a)			Plant and Machinery (b)			Household and Personal Goods (c)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f)
	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	
YEAR ENDED JUNE:	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1956	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1957	20,790	13,523	8,326	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,522	82,592	18,824	12,452	15,488
1958	26,214	18,131	11,230	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,257	24,484	16,191	19,052
MONTH:													
1957 - November	2,212	1,548	952	249	212	138	5,648	444	358	8,109	2,204	1,448	16,900
December	2,447	1,557	985	139	121	83	6,893	539	435	9,479	2,217	1,503	17,470
1958 - January	2,280	1,598	996	124	91	62	5,437	453	366	7,841	2,142	1,424	17,838
February	2,099	1,615	1,005	164	136	93	4,661	389	310	6,924	2,140	1,408	17,841
March	2,277	1,571	971	206	181	123	4,501	382	305	6,984	2,134	1,399	18,155
April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,572	478	359	7,029	2,052	1,354	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,517	324	253	5,796	1,876	1,217	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,637	279	227	5,947	1,991	1,278	20,526
April													(g) 20,680
May													(g) 20,780
June													(g) 20,723

(Particulars not yet available)

- (a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories. (b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (g) Preliminary estimate; subject to revision.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958					1959							
		Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	11.10	13. 7	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6	20.10	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2
Oranges - Navel	bush.	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-	-	-	-	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2
- Val.	bush.	30. 4	33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39.11	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9	43.10	-	-	-	25. 6
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	9	1. 0	8	8	11	9	11	1. 1	1. 2
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-	-	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5
- Other	bush.	41.10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	20.10	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	25. 3	-	-	-	-	29. 0	16.10	16.11	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	42. 2	28. 3	35.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	24.11	22. 6	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	20. 2	19. 7	24.10	27. 2	28. 5	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate \neq	6. 1	5. 2	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8	16. 7	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2
Cauliflowers	dozen	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-	-	18.10	13.10	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4
Lettuce	crate	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	8.10	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3
Table Celery	doz.head	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9.10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9
Beetroot	cwt.	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	33.11	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8
Carrots	cwt.	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	27.11	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1
Parsnips	cwt.	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	51.11	67.10	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4
Swedes	cwt.	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56.10	62. 0	58. 2	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0	11	8	1. 1	11	1. 1	5	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3
Peas	lb.	1. 1	11	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	5	5	4	5	6	6
Pumpkin	bag	14. 7	13. 4	30.11	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1	16.10	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8	15.10	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	-	-	-	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	50. 0.0	(d)	(d)	(d)
Potatoes (b)	ton	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.

(d) Onion Pool closed 11th May.

\neq 50 lb. crate.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1959	1958	1959	# 1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	559	640	5,509	5,944
Bricks - Cement	'000	50	165	1,293	1,904
- Clay	"	10,018	8,943	92,671	102,340
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	116	115	1,333	1,506
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,984	2,322	23,095	27,900
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	18,635	21,445	295,769	307,846
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	496	461	5,772	6,792
Timber, - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup.ft.	20,538	19,069	213,350	201,664
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,299	1,417	10,920	11,387
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	286	424	12,894	11,243
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,913	5,591	54,290	52,767
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	90	73	642	1,069
2 piece	"	1,455	1,328	15,495	16,595
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,645	5,069	58,729	59,228
- Work	"	16,933	16,554	160,204	156,202
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	36,564	50,044	562,650	538,581
Slippers	pair	12,269	19,929	232,875	286,176
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	177	106	4,030	4,292
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	7,036	6,885	223,641	288,141
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	517	457	6,606	6,612
Butter	"	1,691	1,450	13,950	15,248
Cheese	"	361	174	2,593	2,277
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	525	382	6,585	6,941
- Sulphuric	ton	13,308	10,366	190,374	208,355
Coal	"	87,165	83,351	905,525	870,882
Electricity Generated	'000 k.W.h.	78,498	76,404	867,130	828,765
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	127	137	1,417	1,420
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,976	2,708	33,613	29,370
- Woven Wire	"	869	2,315	26,669	28,578
- Soft Filled	"	3,232	2,686	33,766	37,979
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	12	18	359	300
Truck Trays	"	27	23	491	476
Pig Iron	ton	3,619	1,812	24,251	16,505
Superphosphate	"	35,745	26,446	529,796	578,781
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,964	2,081	28,194	25,812

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

Final figures.

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